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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Loredana Abramo
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
IMPORTING DIGITAL SWITCHING
SYSTEM DATA INTO A SPREADSHEET
PROGRAM
Serial No. : 09/483,745
Confirmation No. : 8778
Filed : January 17, 2000
Group Art Unit : 2178
Examiner : Cong-Lac Huynh
Advisory Action : August 12, 2004
Last Office Action : March 22, 2004
Attorney Docket No. : LUTZ 2 00156
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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Interview Summary, mailed September 14, 2004 in connection with the above-referenced U.S. patent application, the applicants hereby submit a Statement of the Substance of the Interview.

Briefly, on September 8, 2004, the applicant's attorney and the Examiner conducted a telephonic interview regarding the above-referenced application. The interview was conducted with reference to the Response After Final Rejection

(Amendment B) filed on June 22, 2004 and the Examiner's Advisory Action mailed on August 12, 2004. Claims 1, 13, and 14, as presented in Amendment B, were discussed. The discussion of art was primarily directed to a cited document (U.S. Pat. No. 5,384,822 to Brown et al. (Brown)). The applicant's attorney discussed the cited document and generally discussed the technology surrounding the cited document and the claimed invention. The applicant's attorney pointed out the distinctions between the claims and the cited art. The applicant's attorney pointed out that Brown does not include a digital switch that stores switch data that can be retrieved and eventually stored in a spreadsheet. The applicant's attorney suggested that claims 13 and 14 could be placed in independent form to emphasize that the switch data is stored in a database. The Examiner suggested that "digital switch" be changed to "digital switching system" in the claims.

The Examiner indicated that the above amendments would distinguish the claims over Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

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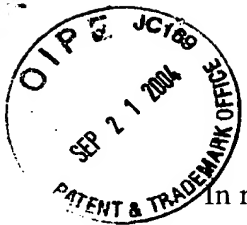
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